

CONFIRMED MINUTES

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SHERFIELD-ON-LODDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIDDELL HALL AT 7:45PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2008.

Present

Bruce Batting (Chairman)
Richard Gaiger
Ivan Gosden
Sandy Johnston
Tracy Lander-Sims
Lorraine Smith
Brian Archer

In attendance

Fiona Craig (Parish Clerk)
Rhydian Vaughan
Basingstoke Gazette (Lucie Richards)

Actions

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5418 Cllr Ken Clark, Cllr Percy Sims, PC Mandy Jewell, Cllr Marilyn Tucker and Chris Horton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

5419 Ivan Gosden for the Burial Ground

3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2008

5420 The minutes were approved as a true record of the proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

4. TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF CRIME AND DISORDER

5421 The Neighbourhood Watch report for December had been circulated. It was agreed that the clerk would produce a small spreadsheet to show the trends in crime through 2008 and circulate this instead of the Neighbourhood watch report.

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OPEN FORUM

The meeting was temporarily adjourned and Rhydian Vaughan spoke

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Planning Committee

5422 The minutes of the meetings held on 19th December 2007 had been circulated. The following application had been considered at that meeting:

Application No: BDB/67483

Location: LeFevre, Reading Road, Church End, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0JB

Proposal: Change of use of land to residential land and the erection of a single storey rear extension
Erection of a detached triple garage. Extension to front boundary wall and alterations to existing access.

Grid Ref: 476184,156641

PC Decision

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Members wished to object to the planning application as it contained a change of use from agricultural to residential land which was unjustified in the application.

It was felt that the access onto the A33 at this property was already dangerous and the proposal would be likely to increase the traffic flow from the property to the A33.

Members felt that this application represented an overdevelopment of the site.

APPROVALS BY BDBC FOR REPORT

Application No: BDB/67137

Location: 15 Northfield Road, Sherfield on Loddon, Hook, RG27 0DR

Proposal: Erection of a front porch, installation of 2 no. bow windows and erection of a pitched canopy roof on brick piers to front elevation.

(b) Leisure Facilities Committee

5423 The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November had been circulated

The next meeting of committee will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2008 in the Garden room.

(c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

5424 The minutes of the meeting held on 27th November had been circulated

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 22nd January in the Garden room.

(d) Village Green Committee

5425 The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 15th January in the Garden room.

Bruce Batting agreed to take over from the retiring chairman.

It was noted that the resident with the building materials on the Green had been asked to remove them. No letter has been sent at this point.

(e) Allotments

5426 Nothing to report

(f) Play area & BMX track

5427 Richard Gaiger reported back that there was very good use of the BMX track.

It was reported that motorcyclists had been on both the cricket pitch and BMX track. Richard Gaiger agreed to speak to the families concerned.

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(g) Football and cricket grounds/pavilions

5428 It was reported that there is still a serious problem with moles on the football pitch.

Lorraine Smith asked Bruce Batting for a written specification for the pavilion, she would then use this to obtain three quotations in time for next month's meeting.

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(h) Tennis courts

5429 There had been very little usage in the last month and so hardly any funds to collect. It was noted that the courts need sweeping.

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(i) Schools

5430 Nothing to report.

(j) Sherfield Park/Taylor's Farm

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5431 There is a meeting scheduled for end of January 2008..

(k) Village Hall

5432 It was noted that the Barn dance on the 26th January was an important fund raiser. The minutes of the meeting where the trustees handed over fund raising activities to the Friends of the Village Hall, were declared informal to be kept on file unsigned. Ivan Gosden explained that he and Bruce Batting had carried out a safety inspection and would continue to do so. The signatory issues at the bank are still not resolved but it is hoped that they will be by the end of January when David Hitchkiss takes over the financial responsibility. Sandy Johnston commented that the insurance issues were still ongoing and a formal update would be made at a later date.

6. TO RECEIVE MONTHLY SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS

5433 The safety report was accepted. .

7. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

5434 A report for November had been circulated, acceptance of the report was proposed by Tracy Lander-Sims and seconded by Richard Gaiger and unanimously received. It is minuted that Ivan Gosden did not vote.

The balances of the accounts at 31 December are shown in the table below:

2007/2008	HSBC A/C	Bank of Ireland Deposit A/C	Consol s	Grand Total	Uncleared cheques (HSBC)	Uncleared receipts (HSBC)
Bal B/F from Nov	-605.42	60,129.64	24.17	59,548.39	836.53	
Credits Dec *	42,051.74	213.43		42,265.17		
Debits Dec *	35,929.28	40,000.00		75,929.28	Cleared balance	
Balance C/F	5,517.04	20,343.07	24.17	25,884.28	6,353.57	

* Including transfers

HSBC Bank Statement at 31 December 2007: £6,353.57

Bank of Ireland Statement at 31 December 2007: £20,343.07

(B/F figure adjusted by 10p - incorrect figure entered onto PC cashbook last month, now corrected)

Approval of payments for January:

- £759.03 Clerk salary
- £173.26 RFO salary (includes £84.79 tax refund for the month)
- £131.32 Litter Warden salary
- £135.68 Tax and NIC (adjusted for RFO tax refund)

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It was explained that the payment for the burial ground and Village Hall loan have gone ahead. There is additional S.106 money available from Antler Homes of £1,977 and this will go to the repairs of Greenway as these funds must be spent on open spaces.

8. TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN DODD

5435 The chairman read out John Dodd's letter and his resignation and offer to pay for the work proposed on the Green where the track leads to Greenway.

9. TO REVIEW RE:PLAY QUESTIONNAIRE

5436 Tracy Lander-Sims agreed to complete the form for the Parish

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10. TO DISCUSS ACCESS FOR ALL CAPITAL PROGRAMME

5437 Money is available for borough council or public highway land.

Bruce batting agreed to remind Peter Eade that the road from the village to the church requires maintenance.

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10. TO DISCUSS BDBC COUNCILLORS DEVELOPMENT COURSE

5438 Bruce Batting, Ivan Gosden, Richard Gaiger and Sandy Johnston all expressed an interest in attending.

11. TO DISCUSS FLOOD RISK FORM FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL

5439 Bruce Batting agreed to complete the form and return it to the Borough.

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8. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

5440 Items to be received at least five days before the next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

5441 Next meeting to be held Wednesday 13th February at 7:30pm in the Liddell Hall.